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On the 25th January, at 8, Chefoo Road, Shanghai, the wife of Geo. S. Bunnell, of a daughter.

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It is now clear that the present relations between Japan and Russia must come to an end in a few days' time. The news is confirmed from Japan that Russia has been asked for an early response to the late Note addressed to her. REUTER adds to this information the remark, that it seems likely that Japan will act decisively in a few days (i.e., from the 27th instant), and that, though many have hitherto objected to Japan taking the initiative, the majority would now welcome an ultimatum or, if necessary, a declaration of war. This, we suppose, refers to opinion in Japan, not in Europe; for it is very unlikely that opinion in Europe has changed so suddenly that now it would welcome the outbreak of war. Continental European sympathy, it is true, has veered round slightly in favour of Japan owing to the honesty of her attitude compared with that of Russia. But still none of the Powers on the Continent desire to see war. It is unnecessary to add that Britain does not either, but in Britain it would be equally unwelcome to see Japan diplomatically worsted. The insincere attempt of that contemptible Russian tool Prince CHING is only interesting as showing that he is as much under the thumb of the Muscovite as ever. The British and United States Ministers appear to have treated him very politely, while getting him to admit that the suggestion put forward by him to invite the mediation of the Powers between Japan and Russia emanated from the Minister of the latter country, at Peking. It is a week ago now since we learnt that Japan had informed the London, Washington, and Berlin Governments that mediation would not be acceptable to her. This being the case, it is too late in the day for Prince CHING to appear on the scene in the character of a *semis deus ex machina*. We cannot but hold that Japan is right in refusing at this time to listen to talk about mediation. Russia's policy having been all through one of procrastination for the purpose of strengthening her position, could the mediating Powers guarantee that she would not use the time spent in negotiations in the

same way, and, if the mediation were to be broken off at length through Russia's fault, to force her to accept their decision? They could not do so, and a failure of negotiations might then mean the ruin of Japan. At the present we do not believe that this is the necessary end of a Russo-Japanese war, loudly as some critics proclaim it. Japan is in a very favourable position just now. It is of no use to talk about Russia's millions of men, as if all they have to do is to walk into Tokyo. The decisive blows must be struck on the sea. In the course of an article in the *North-China Daily News* early in this week, the situation was summed up very justly. Our contemporary sketched the probable plan of Japan's campaign, saying:—"Hostilities will be opened by a naval engagement. The Russian naval force is at the present moment in three sections, the largest at Port Arthur, one at Vladivostock, while the third is now its way from Suez, preceded by the two new Japanese cruisers from Genoa. Japan has the strategic advantage of being in the centre between these three sections. We learnt a few days ago that the Vladivostock section of the Russian fleet started out to join the main body at Port Arthur, but had to return because, owing to the ice, it could not make more than four knots. The real reason for its return was that the Japanese standing squadron was waiting for it in the Korean Straits. The naval engagement must that we are awaiting will come from Japan's determination not to allow the Vladivostock squadron or the squadron that is coming from Europe to join the main body of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur." It is still the progress of the cruisers *Nisshin* and *Kasagi*, which should now be between Colombo and Singapore, which must determine Japan's decision as to the time beyond which further waiting is unprofitable. This is not, of course, because of any enormous value attached to the new warships, but that when they are in touch with the rest of the fleet, the Japanese Navy will be at its strongest possible and ready to strike a blow in any of three directions. Russia's Mediterranean squadron will be still coming out slowly, hampered by the duty of convoying the torpedo-boats, and in the event of a declaration of war must be cut off entirely by want of coal. The Northern fleet will still be divided in two sections, and the control of the China Sea must be Japan's, unless she meets with some great naval disaster. Even in event of the dismemberment of any Japanese warships she has abundance of docks and harbours to fall back on, whereas Russia will be in a very different case. In fact, only an absolutely overwhelming victory could rescue Russia from impotence. We are bidden to look at her enormous armaments. These, we suppose, will pour into Corea and maintain themselves by means of the Manchurian railway and the good-will of China, as far as provisions are concerned. But it cannot be argued that they can transport themselves into Japan without the command of the sea. We still think that the best guarantee of peace is Russia's inability to go to war at the present moment. Therefore Japan is well advised, in doing as she is stated to be doing, that is, pressing for an immediate answer. It is not because she lightly faces a war which she estimates will cost her £40,000,000—this is the figure at which her Finance Minister arrives—but because she knows that, if war must come, the only war out of which she can hope to come well is a war to-day.

Mrs. May will present the prizes at Bellios Public School to-day at 11 a.m.

At China New Year falls on the 10th of next month it is probable that the Criminal Sessions will be postponed from the 18th till a later date.

The Hongkong Rifle Association competition to-day will be for Spoons, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges, 200, 500, and 600 yards. Seven shots and a sighter at each range.

The election of the Kulanqua Municipal Council, Amoy, took place at the Amoy Club yesterday afternoon. The following rate-payers offered themselves for election as councillors for the year 1904:—Messrs. S. N. Akabu, J. J. Dunn, B. Hempel, the Rev. J. Macgowan, F. B. Marshall, and W. H. Wallace.

According to a Canton despatch, quoted by the *N.C. Daily News*, H.E. Shun sent in his resignation to the Throne recently on the ground of chronic ill-health. The request was refused and H.E. has been given another month's respite from work, after which he is expected to leave Canton for Kwangsi to crush the rebellion in earnest.

The two officers killed in General Egerton's first serious engagement in Somaliland are Lieutenant C. H. Bowden-Smith, of the 1st Hampshire Regiment, and Lieutenant J. R. Welland, the medical officer of the 6th Battalion of the King's African Rifles. Our London correspondent announced these casualties at the time.

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 27th January.

The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily Telegraph*, cabling on the 8th instant, stated that the Russo-Japanese crisis had eclipsed the fiscal discussion in England.

The following details, confirming a special telegram from London, published by us last month, will be of interest:—On Tai-tchang, the Chinese Minister to Austria-Hungary, has been recalled by his Government. His successor has not yet been announced. On Tai-tchang was the first Minister accredited solely to the Austro-Hungarian Court, and is regarded as a very capable diplomatist. It is also reported from Berlin that the Chinese Minister there has also been recalled. These changes are believed to be of a personal character, connected with the appointment of Prince Ching as successor to the Duke Yang Lu, and to be without special political significance.

The Sultan of Johor arrived in Colombo on the M.M. ss. *Solace* on the 8th inst., and continued his journey to Europe the same afternoon. The Sultan is accompanied by his mother-in-law and a large suite. He was taking all his furniture to Europe with him, and had on board a 38-horse-power French motor-car, on which he intended to travel through France from Marseilles. After a tour through that country, he will go straight to England and afterwards travel through Norway. The Sultan is about to sell a large number of his race-horses preparatory, it is rumoured, to breaking up his establishment altogether. It is indeed stated on what authority is not certain that the Sultan is in negotiation with the British Government with a view to placing his dominions under their control; receiving in their stead a large annuity. He has sold his old yacht and recently purchased a new thousand-tonner. The Sultan has a country seat in England, where he may settle down.

The following was the passage in the German Kaiser's speech at a banquet in Hanover last month which gave such offence in England:—With hearty thanks I raise my glass (and I hope that all of you will follow my example) in contemplation of the past to the health of the German Legion, in memory of its incomparable deeds, which, in conjunction with Blucher and the Prussians, rescued the English Army from destruction at Waterloo; to the past of 1866, when noble, brave, and undaunted, the unwarried shield of Hanoverian honour was held high and bright; to the past of 1870, to the hero of Beauraing la Roche, who, alas! is no longer among us; to the present, which is here aspersed, and which I hope great from my heart; and to the future, which is pledged in the three regiments, and which I hope may be as brilliant and as bright pure and beautiful as the past. That is the task which I set the regiments. "The German Legion and its traditions. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!"

The London *Globe* gives the following account of the negotiations for the purchase of the two Chinese battleships as being strictly authentic. When the *Constitution* and *Liberty* first came into the open market the British Government declined for various reasons, notably on account of their acquisition interfering with the Admiralty's shipbuilding programme, to purchase them. For the same reason Japan likewise declined to buy them. The progress of events in the Far East, however, caused the latter Government to reconsider their decision, and negotiations for their purchase were begun. The Japanese Government, however, did not show sufficient readiness to bring the bargain to a conclusion, and stipulated that the payment for the ships should be made in instalments covering a considerable period of time. While these negotiations were proceeding, the Russian Government suddenly made a firm offer for the ships, amounting to £1,800,000, to be paid in cash within 24 hours. The occasion was extremely critical. At this psychological moment our Government acted with statesmanlike decision and promptitude, and to the intense relief of Japan, they were immediately acquired for the British Navy at the price of £1,875,000.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night. The programme is as follows:—

Yacht—*"Die Kriegsgefangene"* ..... Pitt

Overture—*"Scaramouche"* ..... Rossini

Selection—*"The Grand Mogul"* ..... Andran

Intermezzo—*"Phryne"* ..... Hobson

Selection—*"Three Little Maids"* ..... Hobson

Waltz—*"Whisper and I shall hear"* ..... Clothilde

Dance—*"Hungarian"* ..... Nullen

"God Save the King."

—MENUS.

Hor's D'Gavres

Caviare and Olive Croutons

Potage a la Reine.

—FISH.

Baked Grouper a la Normande.

—PASTA.

Chick'n a la Parisienne

Fillet of Beef a la Beaumais

Macaroni Croquettes and Tomato Sauce.

—CRAB.

Kabob.

—JOINTS.

Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish

Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce

Boiled Leg of Mutton and Turnips.

—SALAD.

Cauliflower.

—SWEETS.

Baked Chestnut Pudding

Vanilla Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

Apricot Tart

Tipsy Cake.

—DESSERT.

Fruit

Coffee.

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

The Japanese papers state that at a recent meeting of the bankers convened by the Minister of Finance at his official residence to discuss the financial bearing of a war with Russia, the Minister estimated that a war would cost Japan not less than four hundred million yen (about £40,000,000). It appears that arrangements have been made for the prompt issue of Exchequer bonds to the amount of 100,000,000 yen, should the occasion require it, and the opinion is expressed that the Banks of the Empire are in a position to supply that sum and more without difficulty.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 21st inst. has a scathing article on the way in which the censorship is being exercised over Press telegrams in Japan. It appears that whatever the censor objects to in a message he deletes, and the message is then forwarded to its destination in its emasculated form, without any intimation of the mutilation being given to the sender. It may be explained that Press messages are now forwarded from Japan on the "receiver-to-pay" system, and though the receiver would, of course, be charged only for the number of words he receives, it is conceivable that if the sender were informed that the censor had deleted essential portions of his message he would, in the majority of cases, decide that the balance of the message was not worth the cost of transmission.

## FREEAR'S FRIVOLITIES.

"Freear's Frivolities," it is perhaps necessary to remind our readers, will be on view at the Theatre Royal to-night and Monday, under the patronage of H. E. the Acting Governor and the residents of Hongkong. Mr. Freear once gave his entertainment before the Sultan of Turkey, and it will doubtless be of interest to hear what were the impressions of artist and Sultan respectively. Mr. Freear of course can only speak for himself, but he has a medal to show as testimony of the Sultan's impressions.

A representative of the *Daily Press* saw Mr. Freear yesterday, and in course of conversation the subject of Turkey—doubtless inspired by recent news from the Balkans—was discussed.

"How I got my medal makes quite a story," Mr. Freear said, when asked in reference to the decoration. "The Sultan of Turkey is unapproachable. I had read in an English periodical that my entertainment before the Sultan always received a command to appear before the Sultan. It isn't true, I had quite an experience in getting before him; it would take too long to say how I managed it, but I did. I had to dress in black and wear a fez. I didn't know the etiquette of the latter, and naturally when I went into the imperial presence took it off—no, that is hardly correct, for before I got it off several made a rush for me and I pushed it on again. The fez must not be removed in the Sultan's presence; neither must anyone sit or laugh, and I had to present my entertainment before the most rigid and uncommunicative audience ever any performer appeared before."

"Of course I got no applause, as that would not be permitted. His private theatre is a dream, a bed of gold studded from floor to roof with rows of electric lights; the dome is the dark blue sky, with electric lights in the shape of a half moon and stars. There are no seats and the grand piano stands in the body of the theatre, the audience having to stand under the circles. The ladies of the harem are behind 'Furders' (transparent curtains) so that they may not be seen. His Majesty sat in the centre box. He was visible with the Grand Vizier and secretaries, who are known by numbers ranging from one to some forty or more. His Majesty's band, which stands also under the circle, plays whenever they feel like it, and I would sometimes have to wait until they got through before I could make an appearance. Once or twice there was a little ripple of mirth, and instantly every box was turned so that the ruler might not know who had dared to be guilty of such irreverence."

"When all was over and I sat down, wondering whether I was to get away alive, a Pasha approached me, saying I was to make haste and get dressed, as His Imperial Majesty had commanded that I be decorated with the medal of 'Fine Arts.' I had no idea I could have dressed so quickly, although I am supposed to be a 'quick change' artist. However, I got there on time, in fact, had to wait for the band to stop, when I was ushered into the Imperial presence and presented with the medal and a little red satin bag containing my reward in gold and a box of H. I. Majesty's Turkish cigarettes."

A four-oared V.R.C. scratch race takes place to-day, starting at 2.30 p.m.; the secretary's launch leaving Blake Pier at 1.30 p.m. Nothing with regard to the V.R.C. will be seen in the Happy Valley to-day. A skimmer comes off on the 6th of next month. The athletic sports are not yet definitely fixed. If enough support is given, a gymnasium class, with an instructor, will be started.

I mentioned a short time ago that a Cup presented by Mr. T. C. Gray had been put up for competition among the members of the Hongkong Club bowling team. Six of the eight composed, and the result was as follows:—

1. F. Mailand	1503
2. E. H. Hindi	1467
3. J. Hooper	1438
4. J. W. C. Bonnar	1422
5. C. P. Chater	1386
6. J. E. Lee	1272

A second eight is practising hard for a match to-morrow.

A ladies' race for a prize presented by Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Robinson, and Staff-Surgeon Parker, will be sailed by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to-day, there being no Club race.

The course will be from the Kowloon Police Pier, around the Channel Rocks, and home. The start takes place at 2.30 p.m.

## DIOCESAN SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING

The annual distribution of prizes to the boys of the Diocesan School and Orphanage, Bonham Road, took place yesterday, His Excellency Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., performing the ceremony. A large number of visitors attended the function. Right Rev. J. C. Howe, Bishop of Victoria, presided, and among those present besides His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government were Mr. May, His Honour Sir William M. Goodman, Chief Justice; Mr. Geo. Piercy, Jr., headmaster, and Mrs. Piercy, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to His Excellency; Hon. Mr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. T. Bateson Wright, Rev. Messrs. T. W. Pearce, F. T. Johnson, C. H. Hickling, T. Wright, E. J. Harrett, W. J. Southam, W. Laird, Gottschalk, and J. H. France, Messrs. W. D. Bradford, T. Landolt, R. Bandot, H. Sykes, A. O. Brown, C. R. S. Cooper, and H. Jackson, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Grimes. In the corridors were displayed specimens of drawings by the pupils. The proceedings were commenced by the singing by the boys of a song entitled "The Zoological Gardens" under the conductorship of Mr. C. R. S. Cooper.

Mr. Geo. Piercy, the headmaster, then read the annual report of the school, as follows:—

We are thankful to be able to report that the past year has been in many respects the most successful the school has ever had. The health of the establishment has been good and there has been an almost total absence of malarial fever. This is probably due to the efforts of the Government to exterminate mosquitoes by training the mullahs, and to the little earth-cutting in the neighbourhood for new buildings. Great care is paid to sanitary arrangements and the health of the boys. There has lately been an outbreak of mumps. Our thanks are due to Dr. Bell and Dr. Laing, of the Civil Hospital, who have most kindly attended to boys as in and out-patients, and to Dr. Kew for dental services.

During the summer months the boys went once or twice a week by steam launch to neighbouring beaches for sea-bathing and swimming, and greatly enjoyed these outings. The season was closed by a picnic. We landed (by kind permission of the Colonial Secretary) at Stoneycutters' Island and had various aquatic sports, for which prizes were provided. At the Hongkong Regatta in December, our boat's crew, trained by an "old boy" (Mr. A. J. Mackie) came in first in the Schools' Race, amidst much applause. Through the generosity of another old boy (Mr. H. Hastings, of Formosa) we were able to have a launch to witness this and other events. In cricket, the school team has been generally successful. The boys also play football and tennis. During the year two five-courts have been erected by Messrs. Palmer and Turner after the Eton and Rugby models respectively. These are, I believe, the only five-courts in the Colony, and are greatly appreciated by masters and boys. The breaking-up concert before the summer vacation was a great success. On several of the winter evenings we have been entertained and instructed by the magic lantern. Lieut. Brown, R.E., kindly gave us Coronation pictures; Engineer-Commander W. J. Anstey, R.N., a tour round the globe; Rev. T. Wright, Japanese and Hongkong views; Messrs. Everal and Stebbins, English and European pictures; Revs. H. R. Wells and Burkhill, an illustrated lecture on the world-wide work of the B. and F. Bible Society.

The income from fees was considerably greater than in any previous year; the average attendance increased by 8, and was 171 for the 241 days on which school was taught, and until we get a larger building we cannot hope to greatly improve on this.

The Inspector of Schools examined, on December 15th, and following days, all the boys (151) who had fulfilled the Government requirement of 100 days; of these, according to his return, 136 or 90 per cent. passed. At the Oxford Local Examination 68 per cent. of the 93 Hongkong candidates passed. All our candidates (16) were successful, viz., 3 Senior, 6 Junior, 7 Preliminary. This is the first time we have had such satisfactory results, and great praise is due to Mr. Sykes and Mr. Brown. The staff has remained the same as last year, Mrs. Grimes being added to teach music. All have heartily co-operated in the interests of the school, especially during my nine weeks' absence in hospital, when Mr. Sykes in particular was most indefatigable. Mr. Sykes was absent for a fortnight, having been selected by the Hongkong Cricket Club to play in the International match in Shanghai. (Applause.)

The boarding accommodation has been for some years fully occupied, and boys have had to be refused admission. Part of the building is very old, having been built over 40 years ago, and is constantly needing a great deal of money to be spent in repairs. If the west wing were pulled down, a large three-storyed block could be erected in the garden, and would provide larger and more convenient class rooms, and dormitories giving greater accommodation. A gymnasium might be included, and would be a great boon.

The following friends have again kindly contributed the prizes:—Mrs. Siebs, His Hon. Sir W. M. Goodman, Hon. Wei Yuk, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. F. B. L. Bowley, Chau Long-hin, Choy Leep-chee, Choy Po-sien, D. Elphinstone, Fung Wa Chun, H. Hastings, E. A. Hewett, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, Sin Tak-fan, T. S. Smith, F. Southey (England), J. Witchell.

The report of the Examiner in Religious Knowledge (Rev. T. Wright) was as follows:—

"I have again conducted the examination of the Diocesan Boys' School in religious knowledge, and am glad to be able to report that the condition of the school as a whole is such as to reflect great credit on both preceptors and pupils. Forms I and II were examined with ease, the remaining five forms by printed questions. In all 148 boys presented themselves for examination, and of these the answering of 120 was sufficiently good to merit a pass, 28 failing to reach that standard. The papers of Forms VII and VI were excellent. Those of Form V were very good indeed. Form IV sent in papers not quite so good as I had hoped for, and Form III was somewhat disappointing, but I have reason to believe that many of the boys, especially the Chinese boys, did not quite grasp the full meaning of the questions. In Forms II and I there were very few failures, the work having been done so well as to make it difficult to decide who were really the best. In all the forms the questions on the Catechism received the best answers, showing that the boys had been well grounded in the fundamentals of the faith. When it is remembered that diverse races and nationalities are represented, that English is not the mother tongue of a large proportion of the boys, and

that few of the lads have the benefits of home training in religious subjects, it will be seen that the task of the teachers is no easy one. In spite of these difficulties the staff has acquitted itself admirably. Taking the school generally I have no hesitation whatever in saying that in this department of its work it will compare most favourably with similar institutions at home." (Applause.)

His Excellency then presented the prizes to the successful scholars, and afterwards the choir sang a patriotic song "The British Flag," the effect of which was heightened by the introduction of miniature Union Jacks that the boys displayed.

His Excellency then said—My Lord Bishop, Mr. Piercy, Ladies and Gentlemen—It has been a great pleasure to me to come here to-day to present the prizes. I looked forward to it with pleasure, and I may say that the pleasure has been greater than my anticipations. There is a spirit about this school, as evidenced by the song we have just heard sung, that goes to the heart of every Britisher. (Applause.) We cannot despair that this Colony will hold her place in the Empire—aye, and make even a bigger place for herself—when we have our young boys brought up with the spirit of patriotism that we have seen evidenced just now. I am very pleased indeed to see Mr. Piercy, recovered from his severe accident, and again able to take his place in the direction of affairs. (Applause.) The report he has just read is, I think you will all agree with me, a most satisfactory one, and I have had the advantage of learning from the Inspector of Schools, who has made his own independent examination of this school, that he is entirely satisfied with the work done here. (Applause.) He tells me that in the upper classes some most excellent work has been done and he has sent me examples of it that I might satisfy myself on the point, and I thoroughly agree with him; and I congratulate the masters of this school on having attained such a very satisfactory result. He had only one principal criticism to make, and I think it is as well that I should mention it, as it is a subject which engaged the attention of the Government during the past year; and that is the principle laid down by the last Governor, Sir Henry Blake, and endorsed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Chinese boys should not be taught English in the same class as non-Chinese boys until the Chinese boys have acquired sufficient knowledge of English to really understand the teaching given to the class in the English language. (Applause.) He gave me an example of that. He said that in one of the lower classes of the school 15 Chinese boys failed in reading English while, I am sorry to say, 16 non-Chinese boys failed in arithmetic. I think that is pretty good proof that the Chinese boys required more teaching in reading English and the non-Chinese boys in the mathematical subjects. Men say that knowledge is power, and so it is; and it is the duty of you boys to avail yourselves of every opportunity of acquiring knowledge; but there are other things besides knowledge, and I am glad to say that one of the features of the report that has pleased me more than any other is the appendix to it, the report from Rev. Mr. Wright on his examination of this school in religious knowledge. Mr. Wright paid a high compliment both to teachers and pupils, and he says the knowledge attained was, taking it all round, of a high standard. I think that is most satisfactory. I have said that knowledge is power, but there are in these later days, I am sorry to find, sometimes many clever men who think that because they are clever and because they possess knowledge they can do without religion. Now, let me remind you boys who are about to embark upon the battle of life that you will find the most helpful of all things in the trials, temptations and disappointments—aye, and the sorrows with which the lots of every man is more or less filled—I say the most helpful thing for you in these hours is an earnest and steadfast religious belief. (Applause.) A clever and brilliant man may be a potent factor in society, but in the long run the most useful member of society, the most useful man for his country, is the man who, filled with honesty of purpose, love of truth, and loyal devotion to duty, carries out the Divine teaching by working hard and sot every day of his life at the task which God has called him. (Applause.) If you carry out that teaching I can assure you that you will do good in this world, no matter how humble the path you may be called upon to tread, and when at the end of life's day you cast down your burden you will have the satisfaction of attaining that happiness which is born of the consciousness of having done your duty to the best of your ability, not only to your temporal masters, but to the Supreme Master, the Master of the Universe. (Applause.)

His Lordship Bishop Howe said he was sure he was expressing the feelings of all present when he thanked His Excellency most heartily for coming there that morning to present the prizes, and more than that they thanked him, and he personally did from the bottom of his heart, for the strong, helpful words His Excellency had spoken to the boys on the great importance of the religious side of their education. It was not the first time he had heard the same thoughts expressed by those who came to give away the prizes, and he hoped the boys would remember this, that it was not only the pastor who spoke of religion and urged upon them the importance of religion. They had heard the General and His Excellency and others who were not of the clerical profession telling them the same thing, that if you want to lead a good and useful life you must first of all get that which was the beginning of knowledge—the knowledge of God. In referring to the teaching of English

in the classes he considered His Excellency was touching upon a weak point, but he hoped His Excellency would also remember that it was a very difficult question when you had a school established for a good many years, working on established principles, and having very large numbers. The question had been before them for several years. To really carry out the separation of classes in the manner indicated would require a very largely increased staff and very largely increased accommodation, and would involve a very large increase of expenditure. Accommodation was the one thing, though; there was not really enough for the actual needs of the school. It would be a great help to them if they could increase the buildings. With regard to the mixture of classes, he believed it did tell against the advance of the English boys in some respects; on the other hand he was sure that it told in favour of the speaking powers of English on the part of the Chinese boys, and that if His Excellency were to test the speaking power of the different schools he would find that the boys of that school, whatever their relative merits might be as regards reading and writing, at any rate spoke English better than the boys in any other schools in the Colony. That was no doubt largely owing to the fact that they mixed with the others in the class-rooms and—he laid stress on this—in the playground where they played together and talked English together. At the same time he personally felt very strongly the importance of the criticism that had been passed on them, and he was sure the authorities of the school would do all they could to meet the wishes of the Government in the matter, and all that was practicable for the benefit of the boys of all nationalities and of all classes in the school. The report on the school gave thankfulness to them all. One thing he noticed when the prizes were being given away was the large number who were not present to receive their certificates. In one case he was afraid it was owing to illness. But in the other cases, Mr. Piercy had told them, it was because the boys had got situations and had gone out to work. That was a very satisfactory sign of the good work the school was doing; it turned out good, useful, practical boys whom people were glad to get hold of for employment in different places. One had gone to Formosa, and he might tell them that the last time he was not Focochow he found a Diocesan School boy in the British Consulate Post Office there; and as he travelled among the coast ports he had again and again of good work being done by boys who had gone out from that school. (Applause.) Another thing he was glad to see was that one of the prizes for good conduct was a bat, and that the references in the report to the athletic successes of the school were warmly applauded by the boys as well as the reference to one of the masters who was called upon to represent the Colony at cricket in Shanghai. It was a good thing that the boys should have a hearty interest in their games and in the success of their games. (Applause.) With regard to the education of the school he felt that it was the only boy's school which was not a distinctly missionary school in which a real solid education in English was given and—he was looking at it now from an educational point of view simply—he considered that no boy could be said to have been properly grounded in English who had not been taught to read and know his Bible, for if anyone wanted to know English, to understand English literature, he must know his Bible. Our English literature quoted it; its phonology and thoughts adorned any kind of English literature you looked at—even the sceptical; therefore he considered it to be of the utmost importance, simply from an educational point of view, that they should have the Bible thoroughly well taught in this school. But there was a much higher point of view, that was, we believed the Bible taught us the way in which after this life was done we passed into eternal life, and therefore far beyond all the educational value of the Bible he thanked God for the work done in that school in training up so many boys of different nationalities in the knowledge of the truth of God and of His Gospel. In conclusion his Lordship wished the master and the boys a very pleasant holiday. He must say that the masters in that school had hard work to do and they did it very well. Mr. Piercy had mentioned in his report the excellent work done, during his enforced absence, by Mr. Sykes and other members of the staff. He was sure those who intimately knew the work of the school would be able to agree with him when he said that they all ought to be most thankful for the staff they had got from Mr. Piercy downwards. The excellence and success of the school was undoubtedly, under God's blessing, very largely owing to the fact that they had been able to secure the services of Mr. Piercy for so many years and such an admirable staff as they had under him. (Applause.)

The proceedings ended with the singing of "God Save the King." Three cheers were afterwards given by the boys for His Excellency, for the Bishop, for Mr. and Mrs. Piercy, and, lastly, for the King, after which the company dispersed.

The school re-opens on 1st March.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 29th at 11.50a.m. the barometer has risen over E. Japan, fallen over China.

Pressure is high over Manchuria, and a low pressure area appears to be forming over Central China.

Gradients slight on the China coast with moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel, and moderate with strong monsoon in the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate E. wind; fair.

## POLICE COURT.

Friday, 29th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SEDCOMBE SMITH  
(POLICE MAGISTRATE).

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GROCERIES.

Chang Man Kun was charged with being in possession of a quantity of groceries, reasonably suspected of having been stolen. Defendant said that they were given to him, but he could give no coherent account of the giving. His Worship held that his defence was a most improbable story, and sentenced the man to a fine of \$100 or, in default, 3 months' imprisonment.

## DESTROYING GOVERNMENT TREES.

Kwok Kun Chan, and four others, were charged with cutting timber to the value of \$240 on Crown property, and removing same to their own premises. They pleaded ignorance of any offence, and were let off with fines of \$3 each, or in default 7 days' imprisonment, and it is stated that in the Russian Navy nine shots have been fired with a similar result. The British Navy, therefore, still leads the world, though only by a head.

A FLOGGING.

Ho Yok, a fifteen-year-old coolie, wandered into the Office of the Hungkong Dock and stole a small paperweight. For this he underwent a flogging yesterday.

## KNIFE AND POOL.

Li Lok, a coolie, wandered into No. 14, Wing Lok Street, on Wednesday, that being an empty house, wherein Li thought he would take up his quarters for the night. Seeing a basket containing dried ducks standing in the verandah of the adjoining house, No. 16, Li secured a stick with a hook at the end of it, and then secured the basket, containing 50 dried ducks valued at \$25. His booty secured, Li laid himself down to rest beside it in the verandah of No. 14. In the morning the owner missed his ducks and saw Li fast asleep beside them in the next verandah. Arrest followed, and 2 months' hard labour with 4 hours in the stocks followed on the arrest.

## ASSAULTING AN EXCISE OFFICER.

Chen Kun Chi, a coolie, was charged with assaulting an Excise Officer in the execution of his duty. Chen stated that he was sweeping out his room when the complainant came in with a warrant to search for opium, when by accident the broom fell on the complainant. Evidence was taken that the man used his broom as an offensive weapon and struck complainant. He was fined \$5, or 14 days' imprisonment, and 5 hours in the stocks.

## DISORDINERLY BARBER.

Hu Yin, a barber, took deep draughts of *samshu*, and then, drawing his razor, rushed along the street seeing whom he might give a free shave to. Long Chun, a passer-by, resented the attempts of defendant and Hu was arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly and brandishing an open razor in the public street. His Worship said \$5 or 7 days.

## A THIEVING WATCHMAN.

Per Sing, a watchman, was charged with stealing 8 pieces of soap, valued at 60 cents, the property of Messrs. Blackhead and Co., and also one silver-plated watch, valued at \$6, the property of Batham Singh, another watchman.

Result—1 month's hard labour and 6 hours in the stocks.

## SHANGHAI PULP AND PAPER COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of directors for presentation at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held on the 23rd February, at the Company's offices, No. 9, Kiu Kiang Road, Shanghai:—

The profit and loss account, including the balance Tls. 6,289.6, brought forward from last year, shows a credit balance of Tls. 65,998.36. During July an interim dividend of 5 per cent. was declared, which has been paid. New adivitions and repairs during the year 1903, amounting to Tls. 5,209.80, has been written off as well as Tls. 2,500.00 for depreciation; besides setting aside Tls. 10,000.00 for reserve. From the balance Tls. 25,783.56, the credit of profit and loss, the directors propose to pay a final dividend of 5 per cent., carrying forward Tls. 3,288.56 to next account. The plant continues to be kept in perfect order. The mill has worked most satisfactorily for the year showing an increase of profit of Tls. 16,072.63 over the previous year. We have recently added an addition to our plant, which should help us in reducing prices on raw material as well as increase the earnings of the mill.

Directors:—Mr. Chu Pao San retires from the Board by rotation, but being eligible offers himself for re-election. Mr. Paul Brill has been asked to join the Board to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. F. Augustin, leaving for home.

Auditor:—The accounts have been audited by Mr. G. D. Scott, who offers himself for re-election.

## THE "GLORY'S" SHOOTING RETURNS.

A writer on naval topics in a London contemporary says:—

The prize-firing returns of the battleship *Glory*, at present serving on the China station, show good results, though far inferior to those recently obtained by the *Majestic*, which now holds the record among British battleships. With her 12in. guns the *Glory* fired twenty-one rounds in six minutes, and made fourteen hits on the target. Her percentage of hits was therefore sixty-six. The *Majestic*, in the same time, fired thirty-seven rounds and made twenty-three hits, or roughly one gun per minute.

Gradients slight on the China coast with moderate monsoon in the Formosa Channel, and moderate with strong monsoon in the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate E. wind; fair.

## NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to resume Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [383]

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Care of Daily Press Office,  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [384]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
REGISTER of SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from SATUR-  
DAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY,  
both days inclusive, during which period no  
Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1904. [385]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING of the Shareholders in this Cor-  
poration will be held at the CITY HALL,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of  
FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the Court of  
Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors.  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [386]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the  
General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30  
P.M. on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY,  
to receive a Statement of the Company's  
Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the  
Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th  
FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [287]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from  
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that  
GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on  
FRIDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, commencing  
at 10 A.M. and finishing at 3 P.M., if the range  
is clear, from the East of Customs Pass (Gun  
position by the old Customs Station) in the  
direction of Razor Hill in an East-North-East  
direction.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [388]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from  
the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that  
GUN PRACTICE will be carried out on  
SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, commencing  
at 10 A.M. and finishing at 2 P.M., if the range  
is clear, from the East of Customs Pass (Gun  
position by the old Customs Station) in the  
direction of Kowloon Peak (Nantau  
Kok) in a Westerly and North-Westerly  
direction.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [389]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and  
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## Leading Articles:—

The Tibetan Question.  
The Kwangsi Troubles.  
Russia as a Civilising Power  
France and Spain.

Hongkong's Communications on the  
Mainland.

Registration of Servants in Hongkong.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

Visit to the Fatshan Railway.

Launch of West River Steamer.

Registration of Domestic Servants.

S. John's Cathedral.

Hongkong Benevolent Society.

Oxford and Cambridge Dinner in Hong-  
kong.

New Territory Notes.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [394]

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THE COMPETITION TO-DAY  
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M. S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [395]

## THEATRE ROYAL.

## CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1st. [344]

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. [337]

## WANTED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY  
HALF-YEARLY MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be  
held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18,  
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on  
SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12  
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a  
Report of the Directors, together with a State-  
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, con-  
firming the appointment of a Director, and  
electing Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to  
the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [258]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO  
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [383]

## NOTICE.

FROM this date and until after the 25th  
February next, HORSES and/or  
PONIES not entered for the Forthcoming  
Races will not be allowed on the Race or Training  
Course between the hours of 6 and 8 A.M.

Members may exercise unentered Horses or  
Ponies after 8 A.M. on the Training Course.

By Order,

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Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [269]

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From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.,  
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [249]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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GUY BOOTHBY.  
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Queen," &c., &c.)

## CHAPTER IV. (Continued).

Before going further I searched the drawers of the small dresser and the cupboard under, but could only find a number of plates, a box of knives, and a few small odds and ends that told me nothing. The crockery was of the most ordinary description and, though the knives had the name of a Sheffield maker upon them, they did not look to help me. From the pantry I proceeded to the first of the cabins on the port side. It was as empty as the man's quarters; so was the next, save for a pair of chronometers, a sextant, and other nautical instruments upon a ship. The fact that these should have been left behind puzzled me considerably, unless, as I constrained to argue, one of the mates had been concerned in the business and had taken his own instruments with him. I then tried the next. As there was nothing there to throw any further light upon the mystery, I left it and crossed the deck to its fellow on the starboard side. Nothing there: I passed on to the next. This one proved to be locked. I turned the handle violently, but without result.

"Perhaps we have got the key to it all here," I said to myself, and then debated whether I should apply my shoulder to it and burst the lock. I was still pondering the subject when, to my amazement, a low moan reached me from within. It was unexpected that I stepped back a pace, as if someone had struck me. Then recovering myself, I endeavoured to look through the keyhole, but could see nothing inside save the end of a bunk, which, as may be supposed, was of no sort of use to me. Hoping to ascertain who or what was inside, I tapped loudly upon the panels of the door, but the only answer I received was another moan. That it was a woman's voice I had heard I was convinced, but what was she doing locked in there, in a cabin of a deserted ship, with a body of a murdered man stretched upon the deck? That she was alive the moon that I had heard was sufficient testimony.

At last, having given the matter some thought, I determined not to take any action until the skipper, or at least the mate, should arrive. In a case such as this, one could scarcely have too many witnesses. I accordingly passed on to the adjoining and last cabin. This one, like its companion across the way, was empty. So feeling that I had done all that I could for the present, I made my way up to the deck, heartily wishing myself out of the whole matter.

My search must have taken me longer than I supposed, for when I reached the poop, it was to find the captain's gig approaching the brig, with the skipper himself seated beside the mate in the stern sheets.

"From what Mr. Jackson has told me, this appears to be a bad business," said the former when he reached the deck.

"I am afraid it is," I replied. "An uncommonly bad business. That was why I suggested asking you to come over."

"Well, show me what there is to be seen, and let me be done with the matter," he answered. "I am not fond of these little affairs."

Without answering I led him to the spot which I had covered with canvas. Drawing this aside, I showed him what lay below. As we had done, he uttered an exclamation of horror, and I give you my word I do not wonder at it. The whole thing was so brutal, so villainous, that no one could have looked at it unmoved.

"Corer it up again," he said. "I don't want to see any more of it," and turned away.

He walked to the taffrail and stood looking down at the smooth water below for two or three minutes while the mate and I waited to see what he would do next.

"One thing is very certain," he said at last, "we must take possession of those knives. They will be valuable evidence."

I heard the mate gasp, and I know that for myself I felt my gorge rise at the mere thought of touching the body.

"Which of you is going to do it?" he asked. "For I tell you straight out I couldn't lay a finger on him."

"And I don't know that I could," continued Jackson, with a very white face. They must have seen from mine that I was in much the same condition as themselves.

"It seems a gruesome sort of thing to do," I said, "but what's to prevent our tossing for it?"

This course was so obviously fair that, although both would willingly have had me do the work, they could not discover any legitimate reason for objecting. We retired to the starboard side of the poop and commenced the most grisly gamble that it has ever been my lot to take part in. My star and the captain's were in the ascendant, for the result showed that the unfortunate mate was to do the deed. We turned away while the task was being accomplished, and when next we looked round it was to find the body hidden beneath the canvas, the knife lying on the deck, and Jackson being violently ill over the port rail.

When he had recovered himself, I informed them of the second discovery I had made and suggested that we should adjourn to the cabin.

Once there, I took down the decanter of rum from the swinging tray and poured out three stiff glasses. I can assure you that we all stood in the need of the stimulant, and Jackson perhaps more than all.

Before venturing near the cabin whence the mate had pro d-ed, we visited the others in rotation. By the time we had finished the inspection, which included the pantry, the patent liquor we had drunk had begun to take effect, imbuing us with sufficient courage to make what we expected would be the last and most important discovery of all. We approached the door and I knocked as before on it, but this time no sound followed. I knocked again and again, and each time with the same result—only complete silence.

"Are you quite sure you were no' mistaken?" asked the skipper. "Do you think that you imagined you heard somebody?"

(To be continued.)

you were worked up to a high pitch of excitement."

"I'd stake my life on it," I answered, with a sharpness that showed how highly strung my nerves must have been. "The first time I thought I might have been mistaken, but when I heard it again, I knew that I was not. What is to be done? Shall we break in the door?"

"There seems to be no other course open to us," returned the skipper. "And as you are the biggest man, you'd better try your hand at it."

"Very well then, here goes. Stand by and give me plenty of room."

They did so, and stepping back as far as the bench beside the table, I took a run and caught the door with my left shoulder. It flew open with a crash and, having plenty of way on, I was precipitated with it into the cabin and against the berth on the further side. The captain and Jackson hurried after me, and then we looked about us. We had seen one terrible sight on the deck above. Her was one that could rival it for pitilessness. Crouching on the floor, her face turned from us, was a woman, and well off, if one might judge from her dress and the rings upon her fingers. She did not turn her head to look at us, nor by any sign did she allow us to see that she was aware of our presence. Her long black hair had fallen upon her shoulders and reached almost to her waist. As the others did not move, I went forward to her and placed my hand upon her shoulder. Perhaps, in my nervousness, I may have been rougher than I intended; at any rate without wincing or cry she toppled over and lay unconscious at my feet. I knelt beside her and gazed at her face. I have tickled your credibility pretty heavily already, I am going to do so again. Believes it or not, here was the other face I had seen in my dream—that of the woman who had gazed at me with such imploring eyes.

"She has fainted," I said. "What had we better do?"

I might here explain that I was then unskilled in such matt.

"Carry her into the cabin," was the captain's suggestion, "and give some of that grog. It will bring her to if anything will. Poor girl, she has suffered, if anyone has."

He was certainly right, as I was destined to find out afterwards. Surely no other woman has ever been through more than she had!

Following the captain's advice, we carried her into the cabin and seated her on the bench. Jackson procured some of the rum with which,

for want of anything better, we bathed her temples. It was impossible to get her to drink any of it as her teeth were firmly clenched, and we could not open them.

"If only we carried a doctor," said the skipper, when we had been trying without success for some ten minutes to bring her to.

"It is impossible to say how we ought to act.

For all we know to the contrary we may be doing quite wrong."

He had scarcely spoken before she opened her eyes and looked wildly about her. Her expression was more like that of a hunted deer than anything else to which I can liken it. Try to imagine the most pitiless look you have ever seen on the human countenance and you will even then fall short of the mark. I had never seen anything like it before, and I don't want to again. Then slowly rising, she staggered rather than walked to the table, and leaning against it, gazed fixedly at us, as if she were trying to account for our presence there.

"Madam," said the skipper, "we are your friends and desire to help you. Will you tell us the name of the vessel?"

She looked at him as if she did not understand the question, and then swept her hand across her eyes in an endeavour to think.

"I do not know," she said at length answered in a low voice.

At any rate she was English. So much was certain.

"May I be permitted to ask your name, then?" enquired the other, in his best manner.

Again she tried to remember, but was compelled at last to admit that she did not know.

Some weak spirit and water was handed to her and she drank it instinctively, shuddering as she finished it.

Seeing that it was hopeless attempting to question her, the skipper forbore, and, at a signal from him, I led her to her cabin once more. She walked as if in her sleep—as one who was unconscious of her actions. There was a small settle in the further corner, and on this I placed her. She immediately lay back and closed her eyes as if to sleep, and feeling that nothing could be better for her I left her, and went out shutting the broken door after me as best I could.

Leaving the cabin we followed the skipper out on to the main deck. For the time being none of us cared very much about the poor.

When we reached the hatch we seated ourselves upon it. "Now look here, Mr. Bramwell," said the skipper, "we must decide what to do about this girl, and also about the vessel. She is a trim little craft and too good to be set adrift. Besides there is this murder business to be considered, and it ought to be brought home to somebody. I'll take the lady willingly, but I can't manage the ship, nor can I spare more than one officer and a few men to work her."

What should have induced me to do it, unless it was the recollection of the girl's pleading, for as I had seen it in my dream, I shall never know, but, almost before I knew what I was saying, it was out.

"Give me Jackson here to go with me and two or three of your own men," I said. "I can pick out another half-dozen from the steerage who are old shell-backs, and I'll engage to sail her wherever you like. What do you say?"

"What I say is, done with you," he replied promptly.

We shook hands with each other on the barge, and unconsciously I had advanced another step towards my reunion with Giles Farrington.

Why this should have been so, I defy you to guess!

(To be continued.)

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ARRIVALS.  
 24. ALBENGA, German str., 2,769, H. Peterson, Manila 25th January, General, CARLOWITZ & CO.  
 25. ANHUA, British str., 1,450, Sommerville, Manila 26th Jan., General, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
 25. ASPEN, Austrian cruiser, 962, Grinberger, Shanghai 26th January.  
 26. BENGAL, British str., 2,751, G. Phillips, Shanghai 26th January, General, P. & O. S. N. CO.  
 26. CALL BOUDICCA, German str., 775, H. Shikaku, Pakhoi and Hoihow 29th Jan., General, JENSEN & CO.  
 26. CHIYUEN, Chinese str., from Canton.  
 26. ECLIPSE, British cruiser, from Miay Bay.  
 26. HAIKHING, British str., 1,397, Hodges, Goss Ports and Swatow 28th January, General, DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
 26. HANOR, French str., 739, P. Merleek, Hainan and Hoihow 28th Jan., General, A. R. MARTY.  
 26. HOHAO, French str., 509, G. de Palk, 25th and Hoihow 28th Jan., General, A. R. MARTY.  
 26. KENNEDY, British str., 1,426, Wallace, New York 26th Dec. and Singapore 18th Jan., Koresme, STANDARD OIL CO.  
 26. MOYUNE, British str., 3,016, D. P. Campbell, Liverpool via Singapore 22nd Jan., General, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.  
 26. SAHNE RICHERS, British str., 1,690, J. P. Nabit, Poole Sambo 26th January, Potsdam—ARNHOLD, KARRELL & CO.  
 26. TREA, German str., 934, Orlieck, Szen 26th Jan., Rice, CHINESE.  
 26. TRICHLER, German str., 762, A. Hansen, Haiphong 26th Jan., Rice and General, JENSEN & CO.

DEPARTURES  
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
 26th January.  
 26. British str., for Saigon.  
 26. British str., for Kobe.  
 26. British str., for Moji.  
 26. Russian str., for Singapore.  
 26. German str., for Haiphong.  
 26. British str., for Nagasaki.  
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## DEPARTURES.

26th January.  
 26. German str., for Java.  
 26. British str., for Tamsui.  
 26. British str., for San Francisco.  
 26. British str., for Swatow.  
 26. British str., for Canton.  
 26. British str., for Yokohama.  
 26. British str., for Cebu.  
 26. British str., for Manila.  
 26. Russian str., for Port Arthur.  
 26. MARU, Japanese str., for Kolo.  
 26. SONGSA, British str., for Swatow.  
 26. GOMAI, German str., for Bangkok.  
 26. NEPTHEUS, Norwegian str., for Saigon.  
 26. MAUJ, Japanese str., for Moji.  
 26. PING, Chinese str., for Canton.  
 26. MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.  
 26. DUNING, British str., for Shanghai.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

26th January.  
 26. DERN DOCKS.—H.I.G.M.S. *Moeue*, *Tar-H.M.S. Glory*, *Eliza Richmoner*, *Vigilant*, *Paul Beau*, *H.M.S. Virgo*.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGAL	Brit. str.	G. Phillips	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON	GLENLINCHY	Brit. str.	Stallard	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	2nd Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PALMERO	Brit. str.	E. G. Andrews	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 14th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTUCK	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	16th Feb.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUNE	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLANCUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAL DING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMED	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd Feb.
AMSTERDAM & LONDON	WURZBURG	German str.	W. Franko	MESSAGERS MARITIMES	9th Feb., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	WURZBURG	German str.	C. H. Burch	MELCHERS & CO.	3rd Feb., at Noon.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	WURZBURG	German str.	Kock	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-morrow.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	ALVINA	German str.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th Feb.
HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	C. F. E. D. LADIES	German str.	S. S. Ha	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 10th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SIMONIS	German str.	Hilbrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	9th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	German str.	v. Dahmen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	22nd Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KEEMUN	German str.	v. Dahmen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AKI MARE	German str.	A. Dixon	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	OLINDRA	German str.	R. P. Cray	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	2nd Feb., P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANHUL	German str.	Holms	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 5th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	EMPIRE	German str.	G. W. Gordon	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	10th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	OLYMPIA	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	24th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AGAMMON	German str.	A. Dixon	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	11th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	INDRAVELL	German str.	R. P. Cray	POTLAND & ANASTACIA CO.	21st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	H. E. Ekstrand	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Today.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	FOOCHOW	German str.	J. W. Ekstrand	GIBR. LIVINGSTON & CO.	1st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	DAILY MARU	Japanese str.	A. Dixon	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 7th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	9th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	23rd Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	27th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	1st March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	2nd March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	16th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SHANGHAI	German str.	P. & O. S. N. CO.	MELCHERS & CO.	30th March.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 22nd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHIPHEUS"	On 4th March.
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LONDON, &c.	{ BENGAL .....	11. Noon, 30th G. Phillips January	{ Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI .....	{ CHUSAN .....	About 1st W. B. Palmer, E.N.E. February	{ Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, BORNEO, ETC.	{ BORNEO .....	About 7th G. W. Gordon, E.N.E. February	{ Freight and Passage.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, PALEMO, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.	{ PALEMO .....	About 14th E. G. Andrews February	{ Freight only.

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WURZBURG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 31st Jan. Freight & (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ... Passengers.
Capt. v. Binzer		
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Capt. Schöfuss		
C. FERD. LAELISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 27th Feb. Freight (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ...
Capt. Sacha		
SITHONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 8th Mar. Freight (Calling at Singapore and Colombo) ...
Capt. Hildebrandt		
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 22nd Mar. Freight (Calling at Singapore and Penang) ...
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Letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian boat from Shanghai to Dalmatia which leaves Shanghai every Sunday.

The *Chaser*, with the English Mail of 1st inst., left Singapore on Monday, the 25th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 25th November.

The *Star*, with the American mail, left Yokohama on Monday, the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 1st prox.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR P.M. DATE

Canton ..... Kinsan ..... Saturday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.  
Shanghai ..... Alibang ..... Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.  
Bangkok ..... Mengkuat ..... Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.  
Haiphong ..... Siau ..... Saturday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.  
Shanghai ..... Moyane ..... Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.  
Seigun ..... Amoy and Tamsui ..... Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.  
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland O. .... Amara ..... Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.  
Manila ..... Indrauwat ..... Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.  
Europes, &c., India via Tutiocin ..... Shawan ..... Saturday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.  
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)  
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

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Macau ..... Letters ..... Saturday, 11.00 A.M.  
Manila ..... 11.00 A.M.

Shanghai ..... Heungshan ..... Saturday, 1.15 P.M.  
Zafiro ..... 2.00 P.M.  
Chiquen ..... 3.00 P.M.  
Triumph ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Carl Diederichsen ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Heikow and Haiphong ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Saigon ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Swallow, Amoy and Foochow ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Nanmiao ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Saabu ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Macau ..... Wingkai ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Am Phe ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Wingkai ..... 9.00 A.M.  
Macau ..... Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.  
Nanmiao ..... 9.00 A.M.  
Banbu ..... Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.  
Canton ..... Sunday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.

Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne

Iloilo ..... Ichang ..... Monday, 1st Feb., 3.00 P.M.  
Singapore ..... Glenlochy ..... Tuesday, 2nd Feb., 3.00 P.M.  
Manila ..... Loosung ..... Wednesday, 3rd Feb.,  
Printed Matter and Samples ..... 10.00 A.M.  
Registration ..... 10.00 A.M.  
(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)

Sachsen ..... Letters ..... Monday, 1st Feb., 3.00 P.M.  
Kunwang ..... 1.00 P.M.  
Chili ..... Wednesday, 3rd Feb., 3.00 P.M.  
Batu ..... Tuesday, 6th Feb., 9.00 A.M.  
Ernest Simons, ..... Printed Matter and Samples ..... 10.00 A.M.  
Registration ..... 10.00 A.M.  
(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)

Letters ..... 11.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.  
Spoon Competition, Hongkong Rifle Association, 2.30 p.m.

Sale, Japanese curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remondos, 2.30 p.m.

Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 4 p.m.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

29th January.

ON LONDON.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.94  
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ON PARIS.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2.27  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 2.30

ON GERMANY.—  
On demand ..... 185

ON NEW YORK.—  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 43  
Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 44

ON BOMBAY.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.33  
Bank, on demand ..... 1.33

ON CALCUTTA.—  
Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.33  
Bank, on demand ..... 1.34

ON SHANGHAI.—  
Bank, at sight ..... 714  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 72

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ..... 894

ON MANILA.—On demand ..... Nominal

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ..... Nominal

ON BATAVIA.—On demand ..... 1083

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand ..... 14.2 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand ..... 1 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand ..... 62

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 11.10

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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Chusan* left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., at 6 a.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about 9 a.m.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Sachsen* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 25th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydlitz* left Colombo on the 23rd inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Suisong*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

The P. & O. steamer *Cavite* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 13th inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 25th inst., p.m., via the usual ports of call.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The steamer *Manchuria* left Singapore on the 22nd inst., p.m.

The N.P. steamer *Olympia* has arrived at Yokohama and sails again on the 27th inst.

The Boston Tug Boat Co.'s steamer *Petrelles* sailed from Tewant on the 2nd inst. for Japan ports and Port Arthur.

The Sure Line steamer *Merionethshire*, from London, 2d, left Singapore on the 27th inst., at 9 a.m., and is due here on the 2nd prox.

The Ben Line steamer *Bengtio* left Singapore on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 2nd prox.

The O.S.S. & M.C. steamer *Glaucus* left Singapore on the 28th inst., and is due here on the 3rd prox.

The C.N. steamer *Changsha*, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 26th inst., and is expected here on the 5th prox.

The N.P. steamer *Tacoma* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 11th prox.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrauwat* arrived at Yokohama on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 12th prox.

The C.M. steamer *Confu* left Victoria, B.C., 16th inst., for Yokohama and Kobe, via Hongkong.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Jan 1st.—*Artelesia*, 5th—*Glaucus*, *Glenishiel*, *Andalusia*, *Volga*, *Indramayo*, 8th—*Bamberg*, *Hornsea*, 12th—*Silesia* (Anst.), *Kawachi Maru*, *Hyon*, *Fiume*, *Utarawadi*, *Salfordia*, *Linan*, *Seydlitz*, 13th—*Achilles*, *Australis*, *Edewold*, *Inada Maru*, *Murbury*, *Menzell*, 19th—*Sabina*, 22nd—*Agamemnon*, *Prinses Juliana*, *Salane*, *Extria*, *Indram*, *Glenogon*, 26th—*Argonauta*, *Bingo Maru*, *Java*, *Ardendaeur*, *Mandal*, *Foumung*, *Roan*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Jan. 1st.—*Saxonia*, *Tantalus*, *Freiburg*, 5th—*Sydney*, *Sado Maru*, *St. Breizel*, *Ningchow*, *Polyphemus*, 12th—*Kurdistan*, *Armand Belic*, *Antenor*, 12th—*Priaz Heinrich*, 19th—*Seneca*, 22nd—*Agamemnon*, *Prinses Juliana*, *Salane*, *Extria*, *Indram*, *Glenogon*, 26th—*Argonauta*, *Bingo Maru*, *Java*, *Ardendaeur*, *Mandal*, *Foumung*.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Bengal*, from Shanghai for Hongkong.

Mrs. F. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor, H. F. Howe, D. M. Mickie, C. S. Page, T. W. Mitchell, G. D. Masso, H. E. Keylock, R. C. Mackay, and Dr. Kruger.

Per *Huching*, from Coast Ports &c., Mr. and Mrs. Pease, Dr. H. Hoodhall, Messrs. P. Buchanan and Lieut. A. N. Peebles.

DEPARTED.

Per *Hiuchi Maru*, for Japan ports, Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Hacken, Dr. and Mrs. Hacken, Mr. & Mrs. Hacken, Mrs. Hunt and child, Messrs. M. Kunitomo, Tomeoka, Yamada, Allgate, Fujita, Sato, and McKean.

Per *Doris*, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Messrs. C. A. Holmes, N. Kasyrik, R. W. Maitland, L. Goetzschell, F. Gordon, and Newman; for Kobe, Mr. W. F. Clarke; for Yokohama, Mr. A. S. Murray Stewart; for Honolulu; Messrs. C. A. Graham and L. K. Kentwell; for San Francisco, &c., Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Strains, Mr. and Mrs. L. Briganday, Mr. A. A. Rosetti, Mrs. J. H. Rike, Misses E. N. Ward and E. Dalglish; Messrs. N. Lojeuno, E. M. Seignan, J. E. Harding, B. E. Mumme, K. Greig, A. Marques Oliveira, Geo. H. Shue, G. W. Jones, E. Robestock, W. Wilson, and F. Ross.

TO DEPART.

Per *Bengal*, from Hongkong, for Penang.

Mr. Mackay, for Colombo, Mr. Champion;

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